



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit #211

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Craig Roberts

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

**All: We see hope when we look to the next generation. We feel hopeful when we gather together. We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.**

One: You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #131

"We Gather Together"

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present God, we long to feel you close. We long to feel your presence in our lives. We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world. However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst. Forgive our rushing and distractions. Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space. Remind us that even in the time of Herod, even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.**

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Words of Forgiveness

Pastor Lori

Leader: Family of faith, even when we doubt God's presence, even when we fail to notice God's fingerprints in this world, God is always moving closer to us. Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

**People: Nothing can keep God's love away. We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

"I Thank You, Jesus"

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Time

Pastor Lori

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Lamentations 3:55-57 and Luke 1:5-13

Message:

What Do You Fear?

In the Time of Herod, We Long for God to Break In

Rev. Lori Leopold

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer #2125

"Come Holy Spirit"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of all goodness, as we walk in the light of your love, we are blessed by the abundance of your gifts. You give us the beauty of nature, food to nourish our bodies, and communities to love and support us. Out of our abundance, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts increase peace in our community and throughout the world. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #567 & 568 "Heralds of Christ" Vs 1-2 and "Christ for the World We Sing" Vs 1, 3

**Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,**

**Immortal tidings in your mortal hands,**

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**Pass on and carry swift the news you bring:  
Make straight, make straight the highway of the King.**

**Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,  
Through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,  
Build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;  
Prepare a cross the earth the King's highway.**

**Christ for the world we sing,  
The world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal:  
The poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
Sinsick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.**

**Christ for the world we sing,  
The world to Christ we bring, with one accord;  
With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.**

**\*Benediction**

**In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands.  
May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that  
good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and  
the one who journeys with— go in peace and *be not afraid*. Amen.**

**\*On Eagle's Wings #143**

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Worship Leader: Craig Roberts**

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